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## Monitoring the Global Tobacco Epidemic to **Inform Tobacco Control Efforts**

Approximately 6 million people die each year from tobacco-related illnesses. If trends continue, that number will rise to 8 million each year by 2030.

80% of premature deaths from tobacco use occur in low and middle income countries.

WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Article 20 calls for global surveillance of tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and tobacco-related health outcomes.

## The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)

is a part of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS). It provides a global standard for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use and key tobacco control measures. CDC provides technical assistance to countries to implement GATS.



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## **GATS Monitors Six Topic Areas**











6. Knowledge, Attitudes & Perceptions

As of May 2017... GATS is active in over 30 countries covering 70% of

the world's adult population. A total of **9 countries** have repeated GATS over

multiple years. Over 500,000 adults aged 15 or older have been interviewed globally.

Datasets and fact sheets from more than 30

countries are available for public use. GATS data can help inform tobacco

control efforts globally. Visit the GTSSData website to access GATS datasets and fact sheets:



www.cdc.gov/tobacco/GTSSData